

# Sorghum

#### REFERENCE MATERIAL

### **Pedigree**

Institution: Oklahoma State University

Location: Garvin County, OK

Genotype: Forage Variety ES5200

Harvested: 2012 Received at INL: 2013

Sample Preparation: Ground to pass through a 1-inch sieve using

a Vermeer BG480 grinder and a Bliss Hammermill with no screen

## **Composition**

**Table 1.** Chemical composition<sup>a</sup> of Reference Sorghum

%Structural Ash	%Extractable Inorganics	%Structural Protein	%Extractable Protein	%Water Extracted Glucan <sup>b</sup>	
4.07	2.57	2.18	1.39	0.58	
%Water Extracted Xylan <sup>b</sup>	%Water Extractives Others	%EtOH Extractives	%Lignin	%Glucan	
0.34	6.99	2.42	16.01	34.82	
%Xylan	%Galactan	%Arabinan	%Acetate	%Total	
20.44	1.14	2.82	0.84	96.61	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Determined using NREL "Summative Mass Closure" LAP (NREL/TP-510-48087)

# **Proximate, Ultimate & Calorimetry**

**Table 2.** Proximate, ultimate, and calorific values for Reference Sorghum (reported on a dry basis)

Proximate <sup>a</sup>			Ultimate <sup>b</sup>			Calorimetry <sup>c</sup>		
%Volatile	%Ash	%Fixed Carbon	%Hydrogen	%Carbon	%Nitrogen	HHV	LHV	
77.81	7.77	14.42	5.63	45.62	0.68	7880	6554	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Proximate analysis was done according to ASTM D 5142-09

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Determined by HPLC following an acid hydrolysis of the water extractives

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Ultimate analysis was conducted using a modified ASTM D5373-10 method (Flour and Plant Tissue Method) that uses a slightly different burn profile

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Heating values (HHV, LHV) were determined with a calorimeter using ASTM D5865-10

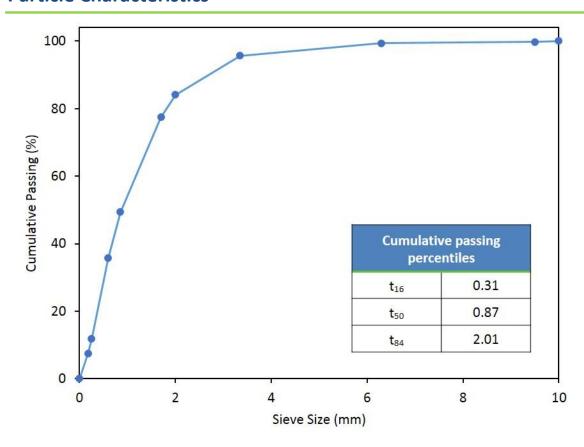
### **Elemental Ash**

**Table 3.** Elemental ash composition<sup>a</sup> of Reference Sorghum

%Al as Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	%Ca as CaO	%Fe as Fe₂O₃	%K as K₂O		%Mn as MnO			%Si as SiO₂	%Ti as TiO₂	%S as SO₃
2.65	4.37	1.07	18.58	7.37	0.08	0.41	2.52	50.70	0.19	1.98

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Determined as described in ASTM standards D3174, D3682 and D6349

### **Particle Characteristics**



**Figure 1.** Cumulative passing percent of 1-inch Reference Sorghum determined according to ANSI/ASAE S319.4 using a Ro-Tap test sieve shaker (Model RX-29, W.S. Tyler) and a 15 minute total sieving time. The cumulative passing percentile sieve sizes (e.g.,  $t_{16}$ ) were calculated by interpolation and represent theoretical sieve sizes that would retain 16, 50 or 84% of the particles by mass.

#### **Contact**

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